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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE RECEIVED THE FINAL COPIES OF THE INSPECTION REPORT,  
BUT DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE DEADLINE IS FOR COMPLIANCE. THE  
1974 INSPECTION SEEMS TO HAVE HAD A 90 DAY PERIOD WITH THE  
DEADLINE SET BY EUR/SOV. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE PROCEDURE WILL BE  
THIS TIME?

2. HAIKAZ GALSTIAN TOLD US MARCH 2 THAT HIS EXIT PERMISSION  
EXPIRES MARCH 5. DID CLIFF MAKE ANY HEADWAY DURING HIS  
VO CONSULTATIONS RE EITHER THE POLICY QUESTION OF ACCEPTING  
RECENT REPATRIATES TO USSR FOR TCP OR ABOUT GALSTIAN CASE IN  
PARTICULAR?

3. RE PARA 4 OF STATE 44673. WHILE THE UNIT COST APPROACH WOULD  
NOT PROVIDE PERFECT ESTIMATES, WE BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE MORE  
ACCURATE THAN AN OVER-ALL PER CUBIC METER CEILING WHICH, IN ANY  
CASE, THE SOVIETS ARE NOT LIKELY TO PROVIDE. SINCE WE HAVE  
GIVEN THE SOVIETS DETAILED AND COMPLETE PLANS AND BLUEPRINTS  
OF THE PROJECT, IS IT REALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE ARCHITECTS  
AND FBO TO DETERMINE THAT X NUMBER OF BRICKS ARE REQUIRED, Y  
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NUMBER OF CUBIC METERS OF EARTH MUST BE EXCAVATED, Z TONS OF  
CONCRETE POURED FOR THE FOUNDATIONS, ETC? IF THERE IS A PROBLEM  
DETERMINING U.S. STANDARDS OR EXTRA-QUALITY WORK, THIS SURELY  
APPLIES WITH EVEN GREATER FORCE TO THE GROSS, PER CUBIC METER  
APPROACH THAN TO THE MORE DETAILED UNIT COST APPROACH.  
ADDITIONALLY, WE DO NOT CONSIDER THE UNIT COST APPROACH TO BE A  
FALLBACK POSITION. IF WE WERE TO ACCEPT FBO'S APPROACH AND

STICK WITH THE DECEMBER 21 POSITION, THE SOVIETS ARE UNLIKELY TO RECONSIDER THEIR STAND. THEY MAY WELL CONCLUDE THAT THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT WITH US ON THE APARTMENT BUILDING (THEY DO NOT SEEM TO SHOW MUCH INTEREST IN THE CHANCERY NOW) AND LEASE THEIR HOUSING ACCORDINGLY. THE NET RESULT OF THE STAND PAT APPROACH IS LIKELY TO BE A SERIOUS ERODING OF OUR LEVERAGE OVER THE LONG RUN. WITH REGARD TO THE SOVIET RESPONSES TO OUR PLANS, TOM TRACY CHECKED WITH KULIKOV, ACTING CHIEF OF THE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT AT UPDK IN MID-JANUARY. HE WAS TOLD THAT

UPDK WAS WORKING ON A LIST OF QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS WHICH WOULD BE READY BY THE END OF JANUARY. IN SUBSEQUENT FOLLOWUPS WITH FEDOSEYEV AND ANTIPOV AT MFA, THE LATEST OF WHICH WAS ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO, THERE WAS STILL NO DATE SET WHEN WE COULD EXPECT A RESPONSE. ANTIPOV DID INDICATE HE HOPED WE WOULD HEAR SOMETHING "SOON". WITH REGARD TO THE WORLD TRADE CENTER WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THERE ARE "IMMENSE COST OVERRUNS", CONSTRUCTION IS BEHIND SCHEDULE AND THE LACK OF STORAGE FOR INTERIOR BUILDING MATERIALS HAS RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE WEATHER DAMAGE. A NUMBER OF OUR CONTACTS BELIEVE THAT THE COST WILL PROBABLY BE TWICE THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE. WE ARE UNABLE, HOWEVER, TO OBTAIN ANY HARD INFORMATION ON THE PER CUBIC METER COST.

4. DEEPLY REGRET FRIDAY'S SNAFU. IT WAS DOUBLE ERROR: SECRETARY FORGOT TO TYPE APPROPRIATE LINES AND MY EYE FAILED TO NOTE OMISSION WHEN I SIGNED. FAIL-SAFE MEASURES HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED. TOON

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